

URRI Expression of Interest

Answers to questions received between 07/11/2023 12:00 and 13/11/2023 12:00

Note: Questions are listed in wording received, but made anonymous when necessary.

No	Question	Answer
Eligibility		
47	Our organization has 17 staff members under direct contract with our organization. In addition to this, other 6 staff members are employed under a service provider, which totals 23 staff members based in Uganda. Would this satisfy with the eligibility criteria of min 20 staff members in Uganda?	<p>Please refer to section 1.1.4 Expression of Interest Eligibility Criteria in the Guidelines for Application and Addendum 1 – clarification of eligibility criteria. The criteria on staffing can be met by the lead organisation alone or by a lead organisation’s direct affiliate or by a lead organisation’s national implementing partner (or a combination of all).</p> <p>Please also refer to section 1.2.1 Consortium Requirements in the guidelines for application for the characteristics of a “national implementing partner”.</p>
48	Section: Page 4, Criteria B of “1.1.4 Expression of Interest eligibility criteria”. The applying organizations need to demonstrate consecutive experience with Danida with the lowest scoring for those applying organizations which demonstrate less than 5 years, and the highest with over 10 years. Question: Please clarify if the highest score for the applying organizations are those that can show five project references implemented over ten years ago. This would demonstrate the highest level of experience with Danida. Or whether we need a mix of those below five years; those between five and ten years; and those above 10 years.	Please refer to section 1.1.4 Expression of Interest Eligibility Criteria in the Guidelines for Application. The requirement is for applying (potential lead) organisations to be <u>current</u> recipient of development funds from Danida and demonstrate <u>consecutive</u> years of experience with Danida systems, guidelines and procedures.
49	XX would like to inquire whether we would be in a conflict of interest to apply as part of a consortium for the Uganda Refugee Resilience Initiative (URRI), as XX produced the feasibility study for the embassy in January this year.	Having produced the feasibility study is not considered to constitute a conflict of interest.
50	We are not a current recipient of Danida funds but are interested in expressing our interest in the current call. Are we eligible or not?	Please refer to section 1.1.4 Expression of Interest Eligibility Criteria in the Guidelines for Application and Addendum 1 – clarification of eligibility criteria. Criteria B requires that an organisation applying as lead organisation should be

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		current recipient of development funds from Danida. If an organisation is not a current recipient, the organisation is not eligible, but can potentially be part of a consortium.
51	We are a women-led organization focusing on economic empowerment through livelihood interventions which include, but are not limited to; urban/vertical farming, waste management (turning decomposable waste into manure and animal feeds), renewal energy (i.e. briquette making), tailoring, crafts work and leather production in refugee areas in Uganda. We are not a current recipient of Danida funds but are interested in expressing our interest in the current call. Are we eligible or not?	Please refer to section 1.1.4 Expression of Interest Eligibility Criteria in the Guidelines for Application and Addendum 1 – clarification of eligibility criteria. Criteria B requires that an applying organisation should be current recipient of development funds from Danida. If an organisation is not a current recipient, the organisation is not eligible, but can potentially apply as part of a consortium.
52	For Criteria B, the lead applicant who wishes to submit an EOI for this Call has an active grant with the Danish Embassy in Pakistan (rather than through DANIDA). Would the Danish Embassy be accepted for Criteria B under your Guidelines for Application Section 1.1.4?	Please refer to section 1.1.4 Expression of Interest Eligibility Criteria in the Guidelines for Application and Addendum 1 – clarification of eligibility criteria. Criteria B requires that applying organisations should be current recipient of development funds from Danida. An applicant that is currently receiving development funds from a Danish Embassy is considered to be receiving funds from Danida and, therefore, fulfils this criterion.
Consortia and partners		
53	Is it okay to have other partners or apply as a consortium at the stage of writing the concept note?	Please refer to section 1.1.4 Expression of Interest Eligibility Criteria and also 1.2.1 Consortium Requirements in the Guidelines for Application for details on the requirements for consortium constellation at concept note stage.
54	Can we apply more than one organizations	There can only be one lead organisation per consortium. At the Expression of Interest phase, only potential lead organisations can apply. However, as described in section 1.2.1 in the Guidelines for Application, the lead organisation must, when reaching the concept note stage, form a consortium which must live up to the listed minimum requirements.
55	What kind of consortiums are you hoping to see collaborating?	Please refer to section 1.2.1 of the Guidelines for Application for the Consortium requirements, which envisions the types of organisations that could be part of the consortium including minimum requirements.

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56	We kindly ask for clarifications on whether a for-profit private organization or company can be eligible to be included in the consortium as either an Associate implementing organization or a Knowledge organization.	<p>Please refer to section 1.2.1 Consortium requirements in the Guidelines for Application for which organisations can be part of the consortium and how.</p> <p>It is specified: "A consortium can include private sector organisations in the consortium as long as this serves the specific purpose of realising the project outcome. Alternatively, a consortium can include a private sector organisation by procuring these to address more specific constraints relating to the project. In the latter case, the services would be procured through a competitive process after award of the grant.</p> <p>Consortia are encouraged to establish partnerships with farmers' cooperatives and commercial companies (e.g. off-takers, input & service providers, agro-dealers, financial institutions etc.). Commercial entities, however, cannot be direct recipient of project funds but they can participate in training and capacity building activities."</p>
57	For the purpose of compliance with the Embassy's limit on consortium membership, we request additional information to understand how the Embassy will differentiate between full-fledge consortium members and those engaged on an ad hoc basis. While it is clear that any entity engaged through a service agreement will not be considered a consortium member, it is unclear if a consortium will be allowed to engage other organizations, namely national NGOs, CBOs or refugee-led organizations, for focused or small-scale contributions to the interventions, through a sub-grant agreement, but without full-fledged consortium membership? Such entities would make specific contributions to implementation, would be engaged through a sub-grant agreement issued by a full-fledged consortium member, but would not be a full-fledged consortium member and, therefore, not counted against the Embassy's ceiling on membership.	<p>Please refer to Section 1.2.1 Consortium requirements in the Guidelines for Application for which organisations can be part of the consortium and how. Amongst other, it is stated in this section that a consortium can consist of a maximum of eight (8) partners. Should the consortium wish to include additional organisations through sub-grantee agreements, this should be presented at the concept note stage. However, please note that the composition of the consortium and the organisation of the work will form part of the assessment of the concept note where efficiency is one of the criteria for assessment.</p>
58	Does the Embassy envision a scenario in which it could take the prerogative to re-model the composition of	The Embassy does not have the prerogative to remodel the composition of consortium membership. Apart from the lead organisation, other types of

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	consortium membership, lead agencies or proposed geographical lots for consortia, which pass the concept note phase? For example, does the Embassy reserve the right to bring together elements of different consortia or concept notes proposed by competing submissions?	organisations can be part of several consortia / concept note submissions. For more details on consortium requirements, please refer to Section 1.2.1 in the Guidelines for Application.
59	The UN Agency X would meet the eligibility criteria as described in the guidelines, yet section 1.2.1. Consortium Requirements , mentions under 1) Lead Organisations that “ <i>the organisations in this category are NGOs</i> ”. While international organizations do not seem to be excluded under the eligibility criteria (1.1.4), should we understand on the basis of section 1.2.1. that the lead organization needs to be an NGO, or could be an NGO, but equally an international organization/UN agency?	International / UN organisations can be lead organisations if they comply with the same requirements as a lead NGO. As specified in section 1.2.1, lead organisations must have lead experience and experience with running and implementing large-scale programmes in Uganda. Lead organisations must be current recipients of Danida funds. Note that UN Agencies can also take part in the consortia as knowledge organisations as stipulated in section 1.2.1 in the guidelines for Application.
60	After having participated in the information meeting on the 8th and read the Q&A, I am still not perfectly sure if criteria E needs to be meet by the Lead Organisation alone or by the Lead organization and its branch of the same NGOs in Uganda. I.e. in our case, is it XXXX in XX <i>country</i> alone that have to live up to the annual turnover, or as we apply with XXXX in Uganda – is it XXXX combined in xx <i>country</i> or Uganda that have to meet the defined annual turnover? Can you please clarify ? In the Q&A it says “Please also see clarifications to eligibility criteria which are provided in Addendum 1 ” – where can I find Addendum 1?	<p>Please refer to “Addendum 1 – Clarifications of eligibility” shared with everyone who requested for the information material and registered for the information meeting.</p> <p>In Addendum 1 it is specified that criteria E should be met by the lead organisation alone or by a lead organisation’s direct affiliate (formally associated with the lead organisation e.g. sister organisations/chapters, and branches) or a combination of the two.</p>
Geography		
61	Is it possible to apply for more than 2 districts in different regions-Cross-region	Please refer to Section “1.2.2 Geography”, in the Guidelines for Application. At concept note stage, the consortia are required to apply according to geographical lots and not according to districts. Each successful consortium must implement in all the districts in the geographical lot(s) it has been selected for.
Budget and funding		

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62	Are all the 4 lots of funding distributed to the same consortia or is it the plan to include more consortiums through this funding opportunity?	The funding for the four lots will not necessarily be given to the same consortium. Up to four (4) consortia will be selected to implement the project. This means the number of consortia selected can be one, two, three or four depending on the quality of the concept notes received. Please refer to section "2.10 Budget and implementation period" in the background document.
63	In the background document (page 24) it is stated : "Co-funding from other sources is encouraged", please elaborate on the co-funding during the information meeting on the 8th November, i.e. eligible sources of co-funding, imagined/recommended amount, cash or in-kind, or additional related activities in the programs to be implemented in other projects implemented by the consortium partners.	Co-funding is encouraged but not mandatory. It is up to the applying organisations to decide on the possible amount and sources of their co-funding. Own-financing may comprise of funding from other donors, including e.g. an international alliance of the organisation. The co-funding can be in cash or in kind and finance activities in support of the objectives of the call. Where co-funding is leveraged, organisations should clearly show this in their budget during the concept note stage and subsequently document own financing of activities during implementation.
64	We noted that under 1.2.3 Budget restrictions , applicants are asked to ensure that their administrative costs covering non-activity specific cost and do not surpass 7% of the direct costs of the activities. As part of the Denmark – UN Agency X cooperation framework, Denmark complies with a 13% rate of programme support costs charged to all development cooperation activities implemented by the UN Agency X. In case the UN Agency X would be selected, would it be possible to apply the existing rules and regulations for development cooperation contributions from Denmark to the UN Agency X, or will no exceptions be granted to international organizations with corporate-level agreements in place? From the UN Agency X side, it would be very complicated to reduce this rate to 7% as this would create a precedent for future development cooperation agreements with Denmark.	Please refer to Section 1.2.3 Budget restrictions, in the Guidelines for Application. A maximum overhead rate of 7% will be applied for all consortia.
Others		
65	I was unable to attend the online information Meeting. I was unwell. I am requesting an access to the video recording in case possible.	Please note that there was no video recording during the information meeting. The information meeting concentrated on answering the questions raised in writing before the information meeting on 08/11/2023. All questions raised

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		before the information meeting and their answers can be accessed at CALL FOR PROPOSALS (um.dk)
66	We are interested in submitting a proposal for the future Uganda Refugee Resilience initiative, we therefore kindly request you to provide us with questions and answers as well as the audio.	Please access the answers to the questions raised before the information meeting at CALL FOR PROPOSALS (um.dk) . Note that there was no audio recording during the information meeting.